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TAGS: PINT, SL

SUBJ: SLPP NOT OPPOSITION PARTY

SIERRA LEONE MOVED ONE STEP CLOSER TO A ONE PARTY STATE WHEN SPEAKER JUSTICE (RET) SINGER BETTS RULED JUNE 28 THAT THE SLPP DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OPPOSITION PARTY IN PARLIAMENT. RESPONDING TO A WRITTEN REQUEST FROM SLPP LEADER SALIA JUSU SERIFF TO BE RECOGNIZED AS LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, SPEAKER BETTS RULED THAT SHERIFF WILL BE ACCEPTED AS LEADER OF THE SLPP IN PARLIAMENT, BUT NOT AS OFFICIAL LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION. SPEAKER BETTS BASED HIS RULING ON THE ARGUMENT THAT AN OPPOSITION PARTY PRESENTS AN ALTERNATIVE FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND THAT THE SLPP MANIFESTLY IS NOT CAPABLE OF RULING SIERRA LEONE.

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